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SUBJECT: NEW SPANISH PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT PARIS

1. THE NEW GOS, WHICH IS IN THE MIDDLE OF MAKING ITS DECISIONS ABOUT THE WAY TO PURSUE THE REFORM PROGRAM, HAS CONFIRMED THAT PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ WILL GO TO PARIS TOMORROW FOR HIGH-LEVEL CONVERSATIONS WITH FRENCH AUTHORITIES. WE ARE TOLD THE CONVERSATIONS WILL BE WITH CHIRAC. THE PRESS REPORT ALSO SUGGESTS THERE WILL BE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

2. WHATEVER MAY BE THE OUTCOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, IT SHOWS THAT SUAREZ WILL NOT BE CONTENT TO LEAVE TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER CABINET MEMBERS -- AS ARIAS WAS -- THE GOS' DEALINGS WITH COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS IMPORTANT RELATIONS.

3. AN OFFICIAL IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER CONFIRMED THE VISIT AND SAID THE GOS HAD HOPED TO KEEP IT SECRET UNTIL SUAREZ'S RETURN BUT THE NEWS HAD LEAKED. SUAREZ' INTENTION WAS TO
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GET TO KNOW CHIRAC AND FURTHER GOOD RELATIONS WITH

SPAIN'S MOST IMPORTANT NEIGHBOR: IT WAS NOT TO GET
QTE CLEARANCE UNQTE FOR SUAREZ' REFORM PLANS NOR
TO ANNOUNCE THEM VIA THE FOREIGN PRESS. THE SPANISH
PEOPLE WOULD GET THE WORD FIRST AND DIRECTLY.
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